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APPARATUS AND METHOD,
MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM
FOR IMAGE PROCESSING, AND
INSPECTION APPARATUS

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

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Claim 3, lines 1 and 2, please delete "or 2".

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Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, please change "any one of claims 1 to 4", to --claim 1--.

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Claim 6, lines 1 and 2, please change "any one of claims 1 to 4", to --claim 1--.

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Claim 7, lines 1 and 2, please change "any one of claims 1 to 6", to --claim 1--.